

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on January 18, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ and via virtual platform Zoom.

Those Present:

Mike Vizzard	Mayor
Joseph Klaudi	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Nick DiCosmo	Engineer
Heather Sparks	Township Clerk
Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor

Absent:

Mayor Vizzard presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked for reports from Officials and Guest.

Barney Hollinger said he only had two things. The regular meeting for the Bayshore Council will not be until next Thursday. The last report would have encompassed anything that has happened since then. Barney indicated that he hadn't heard anything on the bids for Basket Flats and they were supposed to be out sometime this month. Barney will follow up to see what's going on.

Barney said the only other thing he has is the sand on Berry Ave. now comes from out of their gate about halfway up the new road and it completely covers it. Then there is just a trail that all the way up to Ogden. It's really getting bad down there.

Mayor Vizzard said he knew how bad it was getting and he called Bill five times today and I think he ignored me know why I was calling. I am just going to keep calling. Him and the other company promised me they would be alternating with a sweeper. Mike said he didn't seem to think there was a lot of sand coming out of Silvi's Company but there still is some. Bill needs to get down there to sweep.

Barney Hollinger said Especially since it is a new road. Mayor agreed. Mr. Hollinger thanked committee.

Mayor asked for the Engineers report.

Ed Dennis said just a couple quick updates. It's on the agenda but we received a \$50,000 grant for the Mauricetown Park. It came from the DCA. We applied for it last year. We applied for a little over \$100,000. It looks like what they have done with this grant program, is they gave a bunch of \$50,000 grants. We are working on what we can do with this amount of money for the project. Obviously, we didn't get the full amount, so we have to scale down the scope of the project. Basically, the project included some work on the bulkhead, work on the parking area and then the railing that is in bad shape. We are working on some options with that. The other big update would be we were able to get an Interlocal Agreement worked out with the County, its on the agenda today for approval. They are going to provide the funding for the shortfall in that project which includes replacement of the County bridge and the amount they are going to kick in is \$570,000. If for some reasons the bids come in higher, they just amend the interlocal and they will pay the additional amount needed to complete the project. This essentially adds another half a million to the project funding that we have secured. With this now approved, we can move on with the rest of the engineering and permitting and moving on to construction. This is our half of the agreement. We still need approval by the County Commissioners but its just a matter of process now.

Ed Dennis said we have our 2022 road project in design, and it's already been surveyed over on Brown St.

Ed Dennis asked Nick DiCosmo if he had anything to add.

Nick DiCosmo said I know we will be getting started on Brown Street reconstruction. Its great we were able to get that interlocal. We can get the permit docs submitted very shortly. Only

other jobs active right now is Keron and Parsons which is in closeout and the river front. That's just a couple minor details.

Nick DiCosmo said he has looked at a few ways to work down the Mauricetown Park project. We can talk about that. We have a couple options, but I think we can address the main issues at the park.

Mayor Vizzard asked Nick if he though the \$50,000 would cover the railing.

Nick DiCosmo said yes. Nick knows that the railing and cap is a safety issue. It's a matter of what to do with the parking lot because I know that's a drainage issue.

Mayor Vizzard asked if Nick had anything on the other projects discussed.

Nick DiCosmo said yes, still working on order of magnitude estimate for the trucking bypass road. Maybe we need to set up a meeting with the sand mining companies.

Mayor Vizzard said that he wants to do that.

Mayor Thanked Nick and said we are going to move on to correspondence.

Mayor Vizzard said we have a correspondence from the Port Norris Historical Society requesting funds to help with utilities at the meeting hall and museum.

Mayor Vizzard said, I take this as the same thing that Mauricetown Historical has done in the past. They have asked for money in the past because covid had things shut down and weren't coming out. That is what is happening with Port Norris too. Mayor asked to put that on agenda for Thursday.

Mayor said we have an e-amil from Benamino Giunta with a land sale request. He is offering \$1,000 each for township owed property at 305 Spring Rd. and 313 Spring Rd. These two properties are adjoining each other to make 120X100 lot.

Mayor Vizzard said he was in agreement to put on agenda for Thursday if Joe is.

Joe Klaudi agreed.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an e-mail from the DCA, Commercial Township was awarded \$50,000 for Local Recreation Grant. The grant is on a reimbursement base. There is no advance payment for drawdown of the grant funds. Eligible coasts are reimbursed to the local government when it submits evidence of payment of qualifying expenses to DCA. Mayor said that can be put on for Thursday night.

Mayor said we have correspondence from Tony Stanzione regarding membership to the Cumberland Development Corp. Fees are the same as 2021. Cost for membership for Commercial Township is \$2,750.00 per year with quarterly installments of \$712.50. Mayor said he is in agreement to put on for Thursday night.

Mayor said have correspondence from Sol Aron of Kent Funding, LLC. Mr. Kent is interested in purchasing assignment of 2 liens. Cert# 19-00077 for 356 Palm Rd. and Cert.# 19-00007 for 7210 Magnolia Rd. Mayor asked Clerk if she saw a problem with it.

Heather Sparks, Clerk said she was going to lean on Solicitor Tom Seeley. She is not familiar with what this is but spoke to Leslie about it. Leslie had indicated she didn't believe Tom was big on these assignments.

Solicitor Seeley said with out having the paperwork in front of him in the office, he really could speak to these. He said he could get more information by Thursday or before from his wife who handles these. Mr. Seeley asked if we know if these liens are in foreclosure now.

Clerk said that they are both municipal liens, but she did not know if they were in foreclosure. She said that one lien was \$19,031.00.

Solicitor asked which one that was. Clerk indicated it was for 356 Palm Rd.

Clerk said the other one is for 7210 Magnolia and that lien is \$14,555.00. Basically, these are municipal liens that he is looking to take on as a lien holder

Solicitor Seeley said I don't know where we are at but as you know it's been tough getting anything back. Mr. Seeley explained so of the obstacles he has had in trying to complete the foreclosures. Mr. Seeley asked the Clerk to let him know if either of the liens are on the foreclosure list before Thursday. Clerk said she would.

Mayor Vizzard said I need someone to explain this to me. Does this mean that township could get nearly \$33,000 from this guy for these?

Clerk said she believed so. Rather than the township be the lien holder, he would take on the lien and would probably be looking to foreclose on them at some point.

Mr. Seeley said he believed it would still take them two years before they could foreclose. With the way things have been going, I don't see why not if he is willing to take over and pay these. I just don't know if these are already on the list. Clerk indicated she would let him know.

Mayor said the last correspondence we have is the Shared Service Agreement between the County of Cumberland and Commercial Township for Replacement of a County owned minor bridge on Miller Ave., Commercial Township. Mayor said that the agreement was reviewed by Tom Seeley, and he has approved it. Mayor asked to put on for Thursday night.

Mayor Vizzard said next, we have resolutions.

Resolution 2022-25	Approving Carry Over of Vacation and Personal Days
Resolution 2022-26	Approving membership in the Cumberland Development Corporation
Resolution 2022-27	Budget Line-Item Transfer
Resolution 2022-28	Appointing Registrar of Vital Statistics
Resolution 2022-29	Awarding a contract with Riggins Inc. as a Member of the Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Pricing System Identifier # 64-CCCPS
Resolution 2022-30	Hiring of Delbert Queen to the Public Works Department as Labor B/Truck Driver
Resolution 2022-31	Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-2025
Resolution 2022-32	Change Order #1- Final for Reconstruction of Keron Drive & Parson's Lane
Resolution 2022-33	Authorizing Shared Service Agreement between the County of Cumberland and Commercial Township for Replacement of Minor Bridge on Miller Avenue.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an ordinance, ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank. Second reading and adoption is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

Mayor Vizzard said OK reports from officials. Mayor asked Mr. Klaudi if he had anything to report.

Committeeman Klaudi said he had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Vizzard said he didn't have anything to follow up on at this time either. Mayor assured Barney and Debbie Hollinger he would try again to tomorrow to find out from Bill what is going on with the street sweeping. Mayor has a meeting with Silvi and will talk to them about doing their part in sweeping the road as well.

Mayor asked if there was anything else and being none, asked for motion to adjourn. Motion was moved.

  
Heather Sparks, Township Clerk